

**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
STATE SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)
February 4, 2009**

**Eaton Intermediate School District
Charlotte MI
Delta Schoolcraft Intermediate School District
Escanaba MI
10:00 am — 3:00 pm**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Approval of Proposed February Agenda
- V. Approval January 7, 2009 Meeting Summary – see enclosed summary
- VI. Public Comment – opportunity for Public Participation at the SEAC meeting. See SEAC By-laws and Procedures, Section IV.E. (Page 11) in the SEAC Resource Notebook for details.
- VII. Chairperson's Report
 - A. Review of intent/purpose of e-meeting – See 'SEAC Ad-Hoc E-meeting/Technology Committee (April 2, 2008) for e-meeting criteria and requirements – 2/4/09 Document #1"
 - B. Nominations for 2009-2010 SEAC Executive Committee – Review of nomination process.
 - C. SEAC Parking Lot
 - D. SEAC Word Wall – See enclosed document "SEAC Acronyms – 2/4/09 Document #2"
 - E. Quotations
- VIII. State Department Reports – Dr. Jacquelyn J. Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education/Early Intervention Services (OSE-EIS)
 - A. Updates
- IX. Reports from Ex-Officio Members
- X. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - A. SEAC Bylaws and Procedures Committee: Tom Langdon, chair, Tom Caldwell, Beverly Baroni-Yeglic, Julie Daggett-Lawrence, Judy Dorsch-Backes, Diane Lanham. The task: to review the SEAC Bylaws and make recommendations as necessary. Target completion date: February 2009.

XI. Subcommittee Reports – No subcommittees are active at this time.

XII. SEAC Learning

A. Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START): START provides professionals and parents with knowledge and skills to support individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder(ASD) in reaching their greatest potential through training and technical assistance. Begun 7 years ago through the support of the MDE Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, START was a response to the critical need for more and better trained educational staff due to the rapid increase in the number of students with ASD entering public schools in Michigan. Dr. Amy Matthews, project director of START, from Grand Valley State University and Ms. Maureen Ziegler, START Autism Education and Intervention Specialist will present on START and its impact. See enclosed document - "The Statewide Autism Resources and Training Project (START) – 2/4/09 Document # 3".

B. SPP #5: Educational Environments: A review of the targets and data on results:

At our November meeting, Mr. Robert Hove presented information on SPP #5, its meaning and measurement, current data and trends, improvement activities and common threads from focused monitoring on this indicator. At that time, data on the targets were not available and he recommended that he return to review the targets and data when they became available. Mr. Robert Hove, MDE Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services, Policy and Compliance Unit will review SPP #5 targets and the data on them. See enclosed document – " SPP Indicator 5 Revisited" – 2/4/09 Document # 4".

XIII. SEAC Dialogue – *Education Yes!* Change Questions

A. At the December 2008 SEAC meeting, Paul Bielawski, Special Assistant in the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability presented information on the changes to *Education Yes!* At the January meeting, the SEAC considered several questions with regard to those changes as they impact children with disabilities in a series of small group discussions. At the February meeting, we will review and consider the results and finalize our feedback regarding changes to the Michigan School Accreditation System.

B. Please review and consider the preliminary notes from the January small group discussion. Our task will be to clarify our feedback and reach consensus on our advice regarding these questions. See enclosed document – "Revision of Michigan School Accreditation System – Focused Questions – Preliminary Results from the SEAC 1/7/09 Dialogue – 2/4/09 Document # 5

XIV. Information Items¹ - 2009-2010 SEAC Executive Committee Nominees

XV. Action Items – no action items are anticipated

XVI. Emerging Issues – One of the federally defined duties of the State Advisory Panel is to advise the SEA of unmet needs within the state in the education of children with disabilities. The intent of the emerging issues item is to provide opportunity for members to articulate issues that rise to the level of being identified as an unmet need.

¹ Items requiring action by the SEAC are presented first as Information Items and then again as Action Items the following month.

XVII. Member Announcements

XVIII. Future Agenda Considerations

- A. Standards Based IEPs – March 2009
- B. Personal Curriculum: Revisiting our advice in light of new learning – March 2009
- C. E-meeting session to be held April 1, 2009 at Eaton Intermediate School District, Charlotte Michigan. Additional locations to be determined.
- D. 2009-2010 SEAC Retreat – Sunday, September 21 and Monday, September 22
- E. 2009-010 SEAC Meetings – The first Wednesday of the month, beginning October 7, 2009 and concluding June 2, 2010.

XIX. Process Check

XX. Adjournment

Don't cast all decisions in cement. Be willing to modify them as changing circumstances or data dictate.

Eric Harvey